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849 482 SEELY/KRIEBEL (INFO SWANSON /DIPAU) FROM CHANDLER SG184

REUR-WA 757 R ADIO OF THE LAOTIAN KINGDOM.

STATION TRADITIONALLY IDENTIFIED SELF AS "RADIO OF THE
LAOTIAN KINGDOM" (LAO: PHRA RAJANACHAK), AND PRESUMABLY

MANY PERSONS STILL REFER TO IT AS SUCH. HOWEVER, MONITOR
STATES THAT AFTER ZURICH AGREEMENTS OF NINETEEN SIXTYONE WORD
FOR "KINGDOM" WAS CHANGED TO "PATHET," OR "NATION." POSSIBLY

THIS CHANGE WAS MADE TO PREVENT CONFUSION WITH OFFICIAL ROYAL

GOVERNMENT STATION. WE HAVE NOTHING EXPLANATORY IN OUR FILES,

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AND MONITOR INDICATES ONLY THAT DECISION WAS MADE TO CONTINUE

USING TRADITIONAL SOUR CELINE. PRESUMABLY BASIS FOR DECISION

WAS THAT TERMS "PATHET LAO" OR "LAOTIAN NATION" MIGHT BE

CONFUSED WITH TRUE PATHET LAO RADIO.

THOSE WHO OPERATE THE STATION, INVOLVING LEADING FIGURE S

COLONEL DEUANE AND KHAMSOUK KEOLA, CALL THEMSELVES "PATRIOTIC

NEUTRALIST FORCES" OR SOMETIMES "TRUE NEUTRALISTS." THEY ARE

FOR THE PRESENT ALLIED WITH THE PATHET LAO. U.S. CIRCLES

REFER TO THEM AS "DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS" TO DIFFERENTIATE

THEM FROM ACTUAL NEUTRALISTS.

THUS BELIEVE WE HAVE CHOICE OF RETAINING TRADITIONAL SOURCELINE

WHICH IS WIDELY ACCEPTED EVEN THOUGH NOT ACCURATE, OR ADOPTING

A MORE DESCRIPTIVE AND MORE ACCURATE IDENTIFICATION. A SOURCELINE

CHANGE SUCH AS USING THE ENGLISH FOR "PATHET" WOULD BE ACCURATE

AND PERHAPS LEAST CONFUSING, I.E., "RADIO OF THE LAOTIAN NATION."

BUT WE SUGGEST MORE DESCRIPTIVE SOURCELINE. EITHER THAT

RECOMMENDED IN SG 179 OR "RADIO OF THE 'PATRIOTIC NEUTRALIST

FORCES.'" 020840Z FEB

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